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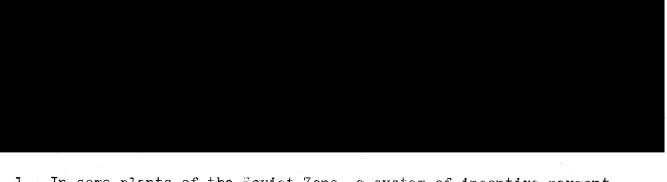
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- In some plants of the Soviet Zone, a system of incentive payment for workers is being tried out. It is a progressive premium system of rewards for above normal production. The worker receives a regular salary for normal production. If he produces ten percent more than his normal production he receives nearly twenty percent increase in pay. The pay increase rises progressively.
- This plan is now being used at the steel plant (Maximilianshutte) in Thale. The workers are alleged to be almost unanimous in their disapproval of the system; they consider it a Soviet method of exploiting the German worker.

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